

## HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 367

**Purpose.** The legislature finds that the work of the state commission on the status of women, established by the governor by executive order on May 15, 1964, demonstrates the need for a continuing body to aid in the implementation of its recommendations, to develop long-range goals, and to coordinate research planning, programming, and action on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Hawaii. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and continuing basis, on the status of women in Hawaii.

**Powers and duties of commission.** The commission shall:

- (1) Act as a [central clearinghouse and coordinating body](#) for governmental and nongovernmental [activities and information relating to the status of women](#);
- (2) [Create public awareness and understanding](#) of the responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions [of women and their roles in the changing society](#);
- (3) [Recommend legislative and administrative action](#) on equal treatment and opportunities for women;
- (4) Encourage a long-range program of [education of women in their political rights and responsibilities](#), particularly with respect to their voting duties;
- (5) [Maintain contacts with](#) appropriate federal, state, local, and international [agencies concerned with the status of women](#);
- (6) [Cooperate and collaborate with national groups on the status of women](#) and arrange for participation by representatives of the State in White House conferences and other national conferences from time to time;
- (7) [Administer funds allocated for its work](#); be authorized to accept, disburse, and allocate funds that may become available from other governmental and private sources; provided that all such funds shall be disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific designation stated by the donor and in the absence of such specific designation, such funds shall be disbursed or allocated on projects related to any of the purposes of this chapter; and
- (8) Submit an [annual report with recommendations](#) to the governor and the legislature.